



Your News

Langley Park

Primary School

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Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank the PTA again for an amazing Christmas fair. It was brilliant and much fun was had by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Dale who did a sterling job organising the fair. I can't wait to find out how much has been raised.

It was lovely to see you all at the Christmas productions this week. I am sure that you will join me again in congratulating the children and thanking all of the staff who made those special memories possible. Simply wonderful.

Thank you for all of those who have been making safer choices when travelling to school. The turning circle has been far clearer and I urge you to ensure that it stays this way. We want to make sure that we don't push the problem further down the lane so please ensure that consideration is taken in front of all of the schools.

Thank you to all of those parents who take the time to read the information in newsletters and on Parentmail. I fully appreciate how busy you all are. However, we have had numerous queries regarding dates and times of events that have been in the newsletter clearly for a number of weeks. This adds unnecessary workload to the admin team's already busy day.

We have listened to parent feedback and we circulate dates and times with plenty of notice. Please do read information carefully. If after that, there are any queries, please do get in touch.

As we head to the end of term, please do check uniforms, PE kits and other items to make sure that what you have belongs to your child. Please can you take the opportunity over the holidays to check that labels are still visible and redo these as needed. We have a huge amount of unnamed lost property which never finds its way home. Also, if an item comes come

with your child that does not belong to them, please return it so that it can be reunited it with its rightful owner.

Mrs Kluzek

Head Teacher

Playground repairs

You will have seen that we have an area cordoned off in the playground due to a leak underneath the grassy verge. The contractors need two consecutive dry days to do the repair works which is why we are still waiting. Until then, the cordon is ensuring that the children can safely play. We assess the playground each morning and decided on the safest way to enter the school and we appreciate your co-operation with this. We assess the playground throughout the day and make safety decisions accordingly. Fingers crossed for dry days soon so that normality can resume.

Homework Exhibition

We are all looking forward to our homework exhibition next week.

Please bring in your homework so that it can be shared with the whole school in the main hall. I hope we have even more pieces to share this time.



Reception

We have loved learning about *Blue Penguin* which taught us about differences and sharing. We enjoyed some acting and we also learnt some facts about penguins which we wrote about. This week we have begun the story of *Stick Man*. We have looked at the adventures he has been on so far and next week we will continue with the story. We will be beginning our festivities by making Christmas cards, decorations and our own 2020 calendar.

We were so proud of the children participating in our nativity *A King is Born*. They worked so hard to learn their lines and the songs and we have had such positive feedback from the children, staff and parents.



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Thank you for your cooperation with the nativity. It would not have been the same without the support we receive from the Robin and Puffin class parents.

We will be sending out letters for our first school trip in the New Year. We will be visiting the library so look out for information regarding this. We will also be beginning a scheme called 'Mystery Readers' whereby a different parent will come in once a week for the final 20 minutes of the day, to read a book of their choice to the class. Your class representative will be organising this and will give out the information in the New Year. Please can the Puffin class representative speak to Miss Smith regarding this.

Please ensure that your child is bringing their reading record and reading book onto school **every day**. Both classes are often missing books which then impacts the next group's guided reading session.

We are looking forward to our final week of our first full term at school and we hope you have a well-deserved Christmas break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Blundell & Miss Smith

Year 1

Last week the children explored making and using larger numbers within 20. We looked at the place value of these numbers and how they could be partitioned into tens and ones. Miss Kirby-Jones and Miss Wickenden have been particularly impressed by how well the children know their number bonds to 10. This week we have been learning how to use our number bonds to 10 to find out number bonds to 20.

In English we have been inventing and designing our own Friendly Beast to befriend the Lonely Beast. We wrote letters to Mr Mayor, explaining why we would be a fantastic friend for the beast who is living in his park. Unfortunately, we received a letter from Mr Mayor explaining that the Lonely Beast had already left so we are planning our own adventure stories to show the journey our beasts will take to find him.

We have been working really hard in phonics, learning all the different ways the long sound /oo/ can be spelt (oo, ue, ew, u_e and o). It has been a little confusing as there are so many different ways. We also found out that there are even more ways to sound <oo> like the 'u' in Mrs Kluzek! Our next sound will be /ie/ (ie, y, i, i_e, igh).

In geography we have been learning about Pangea, the super continent that existed before the continents separated. We looked at how maps of the world have changed. We then looked at the seven different continents, labelling them and locating areas where particular dinosaur fossils have been found. We learnt about one of the most famous palaeontologists, fossil hunter Mary Anning, who had an extraordinary life.

Thank you to all the parents from Nightingale class that attended our *Dinosaur Planet* assembly. We really appreciate your support and hope you had a "roarsome" time. Thank you also to all the parents who attended our Christmas production *Baubles*. We hope you are as proud of our little kings/queens and townspeople as we are!

Why do museums have old dinosaur bones?

Because they can't afford new ones!

Year 2

With the Autumn term speeding to a close Year 2 are showing no signs of slowing down in their learning.

In English we looked at the different ways we can retrieve information from a text. We then used the skill of retrieval to create some fantastic illustrated maps from *Fantastic Mr Fox*. We included key locations such as the fox's den, Boggis' chicken house, Bunce's giant store house and Bean's secret cider cellar. Our illustrated maps also helped us to retell the story of how the cunning foxes managed to escape the farmers' diggers.

In maths we have been looking at division and how we can share equally to solve division problems. We have drawn sharing circles to help us make sure that we are creating equal groups when we are dividing.



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We have also been using division to solve some tricky word Problems by counting steps in steps of 2,5 or 10.

In art we have been creating paintings using the technique of bubble painting. We created a mixture of water and washing up liquid which we then added to cups of paint. After we had mixed them together we placed our straws into the cups and then blew mountains of coloured bubbles. We then placed our sheets of paper over the top of the bubbles to create the imprint and repeated it over and over and over again with different coloured bubbles to create some fantastic designs.

Well done for all your hard work Year 2!

(P.S. What do you call James Bond in a jacuzzi?
.....Bubble-0-7!!!!)

Year 3

Year 3 have had an incredibly busy fortnight preparing for our Christmas Concert and have been very excited to perform for the school and our parents! Alongside our rehearsals, we have continued to develop our knowledge in different areas of our topic 'Mighty Metals'.

In English, we explored narrative writing, discussing different genres and finished reading *The Iron Man*. In lessons, we identified the features of a narrative before planning and writing a descriptive story about The Iron Woman.

Measurement has been our focus in Maths lessons where we have been identifying different units of measurement, converting between cm, mm and m and adding and subtracting different lengths. In Design and Technology, we added the finishing touches to our magnetic board games before the final test next week!

During our Art lessons, we explored the use of shape and line in Celtic Designs. Taking inspiration from this,

we designed and sketched our own versions in our sketch books.

Well done for all your hard work Year 3!

School Matters!



Our overall school attendance is still at 96.2% since the start of this term.

Attendance this week:

	Lates	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Total Attendance
Class	No.	Number	Number	%
Herons	0	2	0	97.9
Puffins	0	2	0	97.8
Wrens	0	2.5	0	97.6
Starlings	0	2	0	97.5
Robins	1	3	0	97.1
Nightingales	0	7	0	94.0
Hummingbirds	0	5	3	93.3
Kingfishers	1	4	7	88.0
Total	2	27.5	10	95.4



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Gold Certificate Awards

Last week's Golden Certificates:

Robins	Puffins
Freddie	Whole class
Lily	Harry
Hummingbirds	Nightingales
Niam	River
Eliana	Thulashni
Kingfishers	Hérons
Amelie	Oscar
Georgia	Chloe
Starlings	Wrens
Thomas	Rishil
Ryan	Josh

This week's Golden Certificates:

Robins	Puffins
Dominik	Artur
Lucia	Rudra
Hummingbirds	Nightingales
Karina	Abe
Eliana	Elie-Mai
Kingfishers	Hérons
Logan	Isla-Mae
Holly	Ethan
Starlings	Wrens
Olivia	Jessica
Raymond	Elijah

Dates for your diaries

December

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 18th December – Panto Day

Friday 20th December – 1.40pm Finish

January

Tuesday 14th January – Wrens Class Assembly – 10.30am

Thursday 16th January – School Street Meeting – 6pm

Wednesday 22nd January – Puffins Class Assembly – 10.30am

Tuesday 28th January – Starlings Class Assembly – 10.30am

February

Wednesday 5th February – Robins Class Assembly – 10.30am

This week's house point winners are Eden.